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SUBJ: DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR DESTRUCTION AND DISMANTLING

OF SSBNS (SCC II - 013)

1. AFTER A NUMBER OF SCC DISCUSSIONS OF THE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE SOVIET-PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF REPLACED SLBM LAUNCHERS (SEE PARA III. 1 (D) AND (E) OF 4 JULY JDT), WE HAVE REDRAFTED THEM AS SHOWN IN PARA 3 BELOW, IN AN ATTEMPT TO MINIMIZE RECOGNIZED VERIFICATION PROBLEMS INHERENT IN THEM.

2. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT ONE OF THE SOVIET-PROPOSED PROCEDURED (PARA III.1 (E) OF JDT) MAY BE ACCEPTABLE, WITHOUT MODIFICATION, FOR H-CLASS SUBMARINES ONLY. WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER EITHER OR BOTH OF THEM WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE US IF MODIFIED AS SHOWN BELOW OR WITH OTHER MODIFICATIONS.

3. REDRAFTED PROCEDURES FOLLOW:

A. PARAGRAPH III.1(D). REMOVAL OF LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES IN THE OPEN IN PREDESIGNATED SHIPYARDS.

(1) THAT ENTIRE PART OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE AND OUTER HULL ABOVE THE MISSILE COMPARTMENT OF THE

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SUBMARINE WILL BE REMOVED.

(2) THAT SECTION OF THE MISSILE COMPARTMENT PRESSURE HULL (HULL CROWN PLATING) WHICH CONTAINS ALL OF THE HULL PENETRATIONS FOR THE MISSILE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES, AS WELL AS THE MISSILE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES, WILL BE REMOVED.

(3) THE PRESSURE HULL AND OUTER HULL MAY THEN BE RESTORED USING NEW SECTIONS WITHOUT LAUNCH TUBE PENETRATIONS.

(4) NO SUPERSTRUCTURE WILL BE REPLACED OVER THE SECTION OF THE SUBMARINE FROM WHICH THE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

B. (ANTERNATE) PARAGRAPH III.1(D). REMOVAL OF LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES IN THE OPEN IN PREDESIGNATED SHIPYARDS.

(1) THAT ENTIRE PART OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE AND OUTER HULL ABOVE THE MISSILE COMPARTMENT OF THE SUBMARINE SHALL BE REMOVED.

(2) THE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES, TOGETHER WITH THE HULL PENETRATION RE-INFORCING STRUCTURES, WILL BE REMOVED.

(3) THE PRESSURE HULL AND THE OUTER HULL MAY THEN BE RESTORED, BY WELDING CLOSED THE AREAS WHERE THE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES AND HULL PENETRATION RE-INFORCING STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

(4) NO SUPERSTRUCTURE WILL BE REPLACED OVER THE SECTION OF THE SUBMARINE FROM WHICH THE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

C. PARAGRAPH III.1(E). CUTTING OFF THE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES IN THE OPEN AT PREDESIGNATED SHIPYARDS.

(1) THAT ENTIRE PART OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE AND OUTER HULL ABOVE THE MISSILE COMPARTMENT WILL BE REMOVED.

(2) THE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES WILL BE CUT OFF AT THE PRESSURE HULL LEVEL OR BELOW.

(3) THE LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES WILL BE WELDED SHUT.

(4) THE OUTER HULL MAY BE RESTORED WITH A NEW SECTION CONTAINING NO LAUNCH MOUNT TUBE PENETRATIONS.

(5) NO SUPERSTRUCTURE WILL BE REPLACED OVER THAT
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PART OF THE SUBMARINE CONTAINING THE CUT OFF LAUNCH MOUNT TUBES.

4. REQUEST WASHINGTON COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE ON FOREGOING. TENTATIVELY PLAN TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS SSBN PROCEDURES AD REFERENDUM TO COMMISSIONERS. WILL MAINTAIN PRESENT US POSITION AND ATTEMPT TO FIND LANGUAGE WHICH WILL MAKE SOVIET-

PROPOSED PROCEDURES ACCEPTABLE. FOREGOING DRAFT AS
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